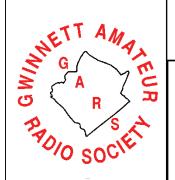
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From the President's Desk David Adcock, KA4KKF

Dayton is over this year? Did you make it there? How about writing an article on your trip and put it in the GARZETTE. Dacula Memorial Day Parade on May 30th is over and we lucked out again with the weather. Earl, did a great job heading up the parade this year. GARS has been doing this since the very first parade.

The Buford 5k run went off without a problem. We had a good time and finished in time to go to the Atlanta Hamfest. I met a lot of people there.

The main repeater is back online after we changed out the antenna. The antenna was leaking water from the bottom. We will be taking the main repeater offline again this summer to do more maintenance and to keep the backup in operating shape. You will be able to tell the difference by the courtesy tone.

Field day is almost here. Hope to see you there.

Well, its time to close and I'll ask again. GARS is looking for a newsletter editor. We need someone to put the GARZETTE together every month. Contact Norm wa4zxv if you want more information about the job.

See you at the next meeting on June 14th.

See you on the air.

73 till next time,

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David, KA4KKF

Local "Hams" Take it to the Streets June 25-26

Lawrenceville, GA, June 1, 2005 -- Over the past year, the news has been 8 full of reports of ham radio operators providing critical communications in emergencies world-wide. On the weekend of June 25-26 local residents will have a chance to meet and talk with ham radio operators and see for them-10 selves what this "radio service" really is about. GARS, Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society, will be holding a demonstration of emergency communications capabilities at Rhodes Jordan Park, 100 E Crogan St Lawrenceville, GA 30045 from (Saturday June 25th at noon through Sunday June 26th at 2:00pm. The public is invited. More Information on the GARS Web Site (http://www.agrs.org)

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May Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2005

David Adcock KA4KKF, Club President, opened the meeting at 7:32pm local

Introductions and Welcomes – 1 member came to the meeting thanks to the postcard mailing

KA4KKF – David – made an announcement that on June 7 at 2:00pm there will be a resolution presented in the Auditorium of the Justice & Administration Center in Lawrenceville that will proclaim the week of June 19 - 26 as Amateur Radio Appreciation Week in Gwinnett County. Please try to attend and wear GARS attire if possible.

WD4JEM – Eddie – announced the Buford 5K Race will be held on June 4. The race begins at 8am and runs until about 10:30am. We need volunteers! Contact Eddie at wb4JEM@bellsouth.net or catch him on the repeater to sign up.

AF4FG – Earl – made a slide presentation about the Dacula Memorial Day Parade. It is the only Memorial Day parade in Georgia and it was started by a ham. Parade is on May 30 (Memorial Day holiday) and starts at 10am. Volunteers are needed to help marshall the parade – get participants lined up, keep things flowing along the route. We need about 20-25 folks to help. A group will be meeting at the Waffle House at Rt. 316 and Winder Hwy for breakfast at about 7am and will head to the parade organization area at the Hebron Baptist Church on Dacula Road at about 8:00am. Please dress for the weather. Volunteers can contact Earl for more information.

WB4WTN – Bill – made announcements about upcoming "On the Air" Special Events. These events can be found in QST, World Radio, and on the ARRL website.

KI4GRJ – Ray – thanked GARS for their support of the Venture Crew. The Crew is always looking for boys and girls aged 14-20 to become members.

WB2OGY – Steve – announced that Eric Snellgrove made Eagle Scout. There are three actively licensed hams that are Eagle Scouts. In October, JOTA (Jamboree on the Air) will need operators at Rhodes Jordan Park.

WE5O – Ron – wanted to remind the club that Field Day was coming up fast.

W3BEC – Becah – announced that there was a suggestion box over by the drinks where members could put their ideas on what we could do to improve the club.

W4DTR – David – announced that he had room for one in his car to the Dayton Hamfest. They are leaving on Thurs at 9am and returning at about 1 or 2pm on Sunday.

AF4FO – Susan – made a clarification about a report in the ARRL newsletter regarding WD4PQQ who had been pulled over and was told by DeKalb police that it was illegal to talk on the radio while driving. There are also reports that this has happened in Bartow County. It is NOT illegal to drive and use your radio. Please see www.arrl-ga.org for a downloadable copy of law to keep in your car's glovebox should you be pulled over.

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ARRL Contest Calendar

June
25 - 26 ARRL Field Day
July
9 - 10 IARU HF World
Championships
August
6 - 7ARRL UHF Contest
20 - 21 ARRL 10 GHz and
Up Contest
September
10 - 12 ARRL September
VHF QSO Party
17 - 18 ARRL 10 GHz and

Up Contest

November
5 - 7 ARRL November
Sweepstakes (CW)
19 - 21 ARRL November
Sweepstakes (Phone)
December
2 - 4 ARRL 160 Meter
Contest
10 - 11 ARRL 10
Meter Contest

GARS Apparel

Several items of clothing that feature our Club logo and/or your call sign are available to Club members. These items include polo shirts, sweat shirts, caps, jackets and other articles. Call sign badges can also be ordered. See Dan Keohan, KF4YSU, at the next Club meeting for a listing of items and their associated costs.

THE GARZETTE NEEDS YOUR HELP

To keep the Garzette up to date and informative, we need participation from club members. We are publishing the newsletter almost every month, and we need local amateur radio activities and items about our membership. You can read about national items on the ARRL web site, or one of the many lists devoted to Ham Radio. We need local activities about our members or our radio community.

Send articles to the editor,

Norm, WA4ZXV,. wa4zxv@arrl.net .

Executive Committee Meeting

All interested individuals are invited and encouraged to attend the monthly Executive Committee Meeting. Presently, these gatherings occur one hour in advance of the regular Club Meeting. The location is in a classroom immediately near the Club meeting space.

Several years ago these Ex. Comm. meetings were instituted for the purpose of saving more time in our Club meetings for "radio talk" verses the business of the Club. To that end, they have been successful. However, some members enjoy ALL aspects of the Club, and as such, are encouraged to come, participate, share insights and opinions! We will all be benefited by the sharing of ideas & experience.

For the latest Club news, visit the GARS Website:

http://www.gars.org



GARS Elmers

Many of us Hams got interested in the hobby (service) as a result of some influence an experienced Ham had on us. The GARS organization is blessed with a lot of talented members that are willing to share their knowledge. The following list is made up of those individuals willing to serve as Elmers. Hopefully, this list will grow, and in time, maybe we'll get more who are willing to add a particular area of expertise.

KF4KSE David Moon (770) 279-9924 mobile radio installation

KG4IUM Andrea Hartlage (770) 963-2715 making QSL cards

KG4FXG, Bill Carter, (770) 339-4531 Mobile CW

WA4DYD, Stan Edwards (770) 923-8770 Emergency Communications

GENERAL INFORMATION:

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W4WKP Johnnie Fearon

WB2YAD Duane Reynolds

WB9JSW, Carl Plotz

K4MJK Mike Kovak

K4CB Carter Bennett (770) 923-5446

K4HBI Mike Swiderski (770) 449-0369

W8KJM, Barney Barnes (APRS)

If you'd like to be a GARS Elmer, please email the editor of the Garzette wa4zxv@schklar.com

For better looking graphics, be sure to view the Garzette on the web site. You'll find it under the Garzette section then in the archives.

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Metro Atlanta Club Meetings

<u>First Tuesday</u> Kennehoochee ARC

First United Methodist Church in Marietta Meeting begins at 7:30 PM Talk In 146.880(-)

<u>Second Monday</u> Georgia Tech ARC

Room W218 Van Leer Electrical Engineering Bldg. Georgia Tech Campus Meeting at 7:00 PM

<u>First Thursday</u> Atlanta Radio Club

Georgia Red Cross HQ 1955 Monroe Dr., Atlanta Meeting is at 7:30 PM Talk In -146.820(-)

N.E. Georgia ARC

Commerce Public Library Meeting is at 6:30 PM Talk In - 147.225(+) PL 123.0

<u>Second Thursday</u> Alford Memorial Radio Club

Annistown Road Baptist Church Intersection of Annistown Rd & Spain Rd

Stone Mountian Dinner at 6:00 PM Meeting at 7:30 PM Talk In - 146.760(-)

<u>Third Thursday</u> North Fulton Amateur Radio League

Southern Skillet 1037 Alpharetta St., Roswell Dinner at 6:30 PM, meeting at 7:30 PM Talk In - 145.47(-)

<u>First Saturday</u> North GA QRP Club

Wieuca Baptist Church on Peachtree Rd/Wieuca, 10 AM

Metro Atlanta VE Exam Schedule

GARS publishes Metro Atlanta area VE exam schedules as a service and is not responsible for errors or changes. Call and confirm schedules before going. All sessions are walk-in. Take copies of current license and certificate of completed elements with you to all sessions. Find additional sessions online at www.arrl-ga.org

First Saturday, Even Months

9:00AM EOC Building Butch Nitz, AF4FS (770) 968-8780

Second Tuesday

7:00PM Walton EMC 3645 Lenora Church Rd, Snellville Wayne Taylor, WD4CCA (770)498-7759

Second Saturday, Odd Months ARRL VEC

8:30 AM
Stone Mountain Methodist Church
5312 West Mountain St.
Stone Mountain
Bob Varone, W4ETN
(770)978-3179

Third Saturday

CA VEC 9:00AM Marietta First United Methodist Church Room 305, 56 Whitlock Ave Marietta David Still, WB4RRD (770) 973-2566

Fourth Tuesday

ARRL VEC 7:00 PM United Way Service Center 6279 Fairburn Road, Douglasville

Third Sunday

W5YI VEC
3:00 – 5:00 PM
St. John Neumann Church
801 Tom Smith Road Lilburn
Headphones Provided! Howie Gould,
W9HG (770)921-8362

Fourth Sunday

2:30 PM Georgia Tech Student Center Room 301 David Ziskind, KE4QLH (404) 966-6864

GARS Communication System

6 Meter Repeater

53.110 (-1 MHz) 82.5 PL Tone

2 Meter Repeater

147.075(+) MHz 82.5 PL Tone

70 Cm Repeater

444.525(+) MHz 82.5 PL Tone

APRS

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Oak Street, Lawrenceville
Backup Repeater Site
Lanier Mountain, Snellville
Remote Receive Sites
Bogan Road, Buford
Goshen Springs Road, Norcross
Lanier Mountain, Snellville



Steve Back, WB2OGY awarded the Scouts District Award of Merit.

Most of you know that Steve Back, WB2OGY, is not only an active amateur but is also very active in the Boy Scouts. GARS is the Carter Organization for BSA Venture Crew 73 and Steve is the Charter Organization Representative. He is also an Assistant Scoutmaster in Troop 569 and is a Unit Commissioner for other Troops. He serves in many other district positions and has promoted Amateur Radio at many District and Council events.

In addition to all the other stuff he's done, Steve has helped teach the radio and electronics merit badges on a number of occasions and he has helped teach the Technician License to a number of Scouts and Scout leaders. Over half of Crew 73s members now have their license thanks to Steve's efforts.

This year the Boy Scouts officially recognized Steve for his service by awarding him the District Award of Merit. This is the highest award that a District can bestow to a volunteer. Only four can be awarded each year in this District and there are usually a dozen or more nominations.

Neither the recipients nor the other adult leaders learn who is to receive the award until the District banquet. The accomplishments and areas of service for each individual are cited before the names are announced. Most had no idea who the presenter was talking about until he mentioned Steve's connection to amateur radio. Then you could hear the "ahas" all over the room. Its good to know that Steve's efforts are recognized and appreciated

Congratulations Steve on a well deserved award!



Preparing for the Memorial Day Parade

DACULA MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The only metro Atlanta Memorial Day parade is held each year in Dacula and once again GARS played an active role in making this event a successful tribute to America's veterans. This parade is the brainchild of Marvin Atherton, KG4FHB, who enlisted the club's help for the $12^{\rm th}$ year to provide communications and get the parade participants lined up. In spite of the rain, 16 club members successfully performed a complex task and over 350 participants and more than 200 vehicles started on time.

This year marks the 60th anniversity of the invasion of the Pacific island of Iwo Jima and the parade's Grand Marshall was Jay Fiscus, a Marine veteran of that decisive battle. His vehicle was preceded by three color guards; Hebron Baptist Church veterans, the Georgia State Defense Force and the Civil Air Patrol. Following him was the Marine Corp League, Georgia Detachment #952, manning a float deplicting the flag raising on Iwo Jima, US submarine veterans, the American Legion and other veterans. Hundreds of people lined the parade route to honor these and others who have defended our country.

GARS can be proud of their contribution to this Gwinnett County tradition. In addition to honoring our country's veterans we have provided a valuable service to our community and we had fun doing it. Special thanks are due all those who helped out this year.

David Adcock	KA4KKF
Steve Back	WB2OGY
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Dave Bruse	W4DTR
Charlie Richards	
Win Jackson	N1TWX
Eary Whatley	AF4FG

Amateur Radio Appreciation Week acknowledged by Gwinnett County Commission

Several local Hams were on hand to hear the County Commissions resolution read during their regular session this week.







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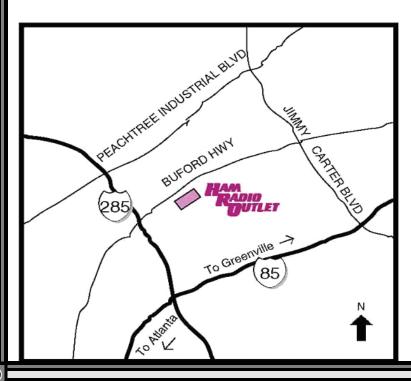
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W4RU – Sandy Donahue introduced two guests from India who were instrumental in coordinating aid to the victims of the December tsunami in SE Asia. The guests were Bharathi Prasad, VU2RBI and OM D. N.Prasad Devulapalli, VU2DBP

WA4ZXV – Norm – made a motion that up to \$200 be used to have plaques made for the Eagle Scouts in the Venture Crew. Motion was seconded by WB9JSW Carl. Motion passed by membership.

AF4FG – Earl – made a motion to honor our guests for their efforts during the tsunami. Motion was seconded by WB2OGY Steve. Motion passed by membership.

Short Break

Program – "Grounding" presented by Carter Bennett K4CB

WB4QDX – John – followed up on WE5O's earlier statement regarding Field Day. It is just over a month away. This year the Executive Committee will act as a Chair Committee since we could not get a Chairperson. GARS' Field Day activities will be in the same location as last year – Rhodes Jordan Park in Lawrenceville. KF4YSU Dan will be looking into catering options for the Saturday night dinner. We're looking to spend about \$10 per person for about 40 people. The club will cover this cost. Take a look at the GARS webpage for catering possibilities. There are a wide variety of choices.

Next month's meeting will be dedicated to Field Day. It falls just one and half weeks prior to Field Day. After a discussion on Field Day, we will be making some new antennas. Some of the equipment we have is getting old. Please bring soldering guns with you to the meeting to help out.

KF4YSU – Dan – gave us the Treasurer's Report – We sold the Crank Up Tower for \$450. We spent \$325 on liability insurance.

WE5O – Ron – questioned why apparel sales were so low? Dan suggested that everyone needed to purchase some new shirts!

WA4ZXV – Norm – announced that June 4 was the Atlanta Radio Club's HamFest. Tables were free to other clubs. He asked if there were any volunteers that would staff a table from 8am – 3pm. There weren't any volunteers. GARS will not request a table.

Prize Drawing – WA4ZXV won a repeater directory

WB4RRX won an RCA phone jack extension

KA4KKF won the \$25 gift certificate from Ham Radio Outlet

Meeting was adjourned at 9:09 pm.

Kid's Day is June 18th

In case you haven't heard of it, it's basically an operating event designed to get kids (both licensed and unlicensed) on the air, and it encourages them to have fun with Amateur Radio. (See http://www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/kd-rules.html and

<u>http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2005/06/09/3/?nc=1</u> for more information.)

Like in January, Gwinnett County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) is sponsoring a local Kid's Day operation, to try to promote Amateur Radio to youth in Gwinnett County. The Gwinnett ARES trailer will be set up at Rhodes Jordan Park in Lawrenceville, which is the same site of the GARS---Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society---field day (100 Crogan Street Lawrenceville, GA 30045.) The actual contest runs from 2:00 to 8:00 PM local time. As far as local operation, setup will begin at 1:00 PM, and teardown will begin at 8:00 PM or shortly before.

AREA HAMFEST INFO

May 20-22

Dayton HamVention, Dayton, OH

June 4

Atlanta Radio Club, Atlanta, GA

July 9

Lanier Amateur Radio Club, Gainesville, GA

August 13

Ellijay Amateur Radio Society, Elijay, GA

August 20-21

Huntsville Hamfest Association

September 17

Paulding Amateur Radio Club, Dallas, GA

November 5-6

<u>Alford Memorial Radio Club</u>, Lawrenceville, GA.

Field Day June 25 – 26, 2005

Always the fourth full weekend in June

Memorial Day Parade Photos











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Deadline for submissions is the <u>20th of each month</u> for inclusion in the following month's issue.

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2005 Calendar

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Jun 14 Meeting
Jun 25-26 Field Day
Jul 12 Meeting
Aug 9 Meeting
Aug 19-21 Dog Show (Fund Raiser)
Sep Kidney Foundation Walk
Sep 13 Meeting
Oct Jamboree on the Air
Oct Fly-in
Oct 11 Meeting
Oct 20 Berkeley Lake School Demo
Nov 5-6 Alford Memorial Hamfest
Nov 8 Meeting
Dec Party

Area Hamfests

13 Aug 2005 + Ellijay Amateur Radio Society http://www.qsl.net/w4hhh/

17 Sep 2005 + Paulding Amateur Radio Club http://www.pauldingarc.com

5-6 Nov 2005 * Georgia Section Convention/ Stone Mountain Hamfest & Computer Expo Alford Memorial Radio Club http://www.totr-radio.org

GARS Recurring Calendar

- Monthly club meeting is the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM. Check the Web Site for Location.
- Every Monday at 8 PM local time: GARS Want, Swap, Sell, and Information Net on the GARS 2 meter repeater
- Every Wednesday at 9 PM local time: GARS 6 meter net on the GARS 6 meter repeater
- Every Saturday at 8AM local time: GARS Weekly Family Breakfast, Golden Corral Restaurant, Riverside Drive, Lawrenceville
- 15th of each month: Deadline for submittal of articles for the following month's GARZETTE



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Next Meeting

June 14

Come Join us for another interesting meeting of GARS

Meetings are on the Second
Tuesday of the month
7:30pm at the
St Marguerite D'Youville
Church, 85 Gloster Rd NW,
Lawrenceville, GA 30044.
Just off Highway 29 SW of
Lawrenceville.

Directions on the Web Site. http://www.gars.org

